

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 40 on page 6 as follows:

[0040] As shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the release assembly 14 may comprise a tubular member 62 and a pusher member 80. ~~As best~~ One embodiment of the tubular member is shown (without pusher member 80) in Figs. 6 and 7, the and another in Figs. 8 and 9. The tubular member 62/662 may include an outer surface, a longitudinal central axis 63, a proximal end 64, a distal end 66, and a central bore extending therebetween defining an inner surface 60. The tubular member 62/662 of the release assembly 14 is sized and configured to be slidably disposed within the holder assembly 12.

Please amend paragraph 41 on page 6 as follows:

[0041] The proximal end 64 of the tubular member 62/662 may include a first pair of slots 75 sized and configured to receive the actuating member 18, as will be described in more detail later, and a second pair of slots 77, which are sized and configured to overlap with the slots 37 formed on the holder assembly 12 when the tubular member of the release assembly 14 is fully inserted into the holder assembly 12 ~~in order to facilitate~~. This facilitates installation of the actuating member 18.

Please amend paragraph 42, which starts on page 6 and ends on page 7, as follows:

[0042] The proximal end 64 of the tubular member 62/662 may also include a slot 72 running generally along the longitudinal axis 63 of the tubular member 62/662 for at least a portion of the member's length. The slot 72 is sized and configured to receive the pin 38 on the holder assembly 12 to serve as a key/guide to help facilitate proper insertion of the tubular member 62/662 into the holder assembly 14.

Please amend paragraph 43 on page 7 as follows:

[0043] The distal end 66 of the tubular member 62/662 may also include at least one hole 79, and, preferably two holes 79 - ~~on~~ one on either side of the tubular member 62/662. The hole 79 is sized and configured to receive a pin 140 for securing the pusher member 80 thereto, as will be described in more detail later.

Please amend paragraph 54 on page 9 as follows:

[0054] Alternatively, as shown in Figs. 13-15, the pusher member ~~80~~ may include two distinct sections 82, 84, namely a proximal section 82 and a distal section 84, extending coaxially along the longitudinal axis 81 of the member ~~80~~ 1380. In this embodiment, the inner, and preferably the outer, profile of the arms ~~90, 92~~ 1390, 1392 formed in the distal section 84 of the pusher member ~~80~~ 1380 are generally sized and configured to be smaller than the inner, and preferably the outer, profile of the proximal section 82 of the pusher member ~~80~~ 1380.

Please amend paragraph 60 on page 11 as follows:

[0060] Alternatively, as shown in Figs. 17 and 18, the actuating member ~~48~~ may be a set of handles. Actuating member 1718 includes handles 250 having a first end 252 and a second end 254, the second end 254 including a bore 256 sized and configured to receive one of the holder assembly 12 or the release assembly 14 therein. Preferably, the bore 256 may be sized and configured to receive the slots 37, 75 formed in the holder and release assembly 12, 14, respectively. The handles 252 are sized and configured to be gripped by a user so that movement of the handles 250 with respect to each other causes the holder assembly 12 to move with respect to the release assembly 14.